

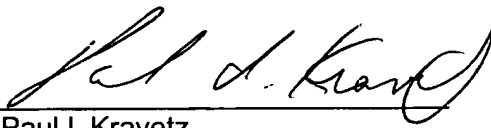
In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Response, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 5-7, without prejudice or disclaimer.